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Grey Sunday
Aug. 9th 1846

Dear Father,

I have just returned from Montreal but without Alexis. Upon arriving at Berthier I found that he owned & lived on a farm about 15 miles south-west of the village. As soon as I could get a conveyance of some kind, I rode out to see him. When he had ~~given~~ finished asking questions about the family I told him what I was after and let him know that I wanted a direct & speedy answer. After some "procrastination and evasion" he told me that he could not go without his family. I then told him what my instructions were and started for the village where he promised to meet the Doct. and myself in the evening, which he did about 8 o'clock. We talked to him till after ten but could get nothing out of him but an agreement to come out with his family if you would advance him enough of his wages to pay their expenses, which I told him you would not do, so he concluded to remain at home. "until further notice." In about two hours I shall start for New-York where the Col. is waiting for me. Our "Cousin Sam" is more fond of smoking his pipe than of travelling. I am waiting till

CL 11
I see the Cal. before I decide whether I shall go
directly home or take a little tour round by Point
Comfort before I return. Please give my love to
all the family.

Your most attached &
obedient son
Israel.

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